Jotform Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Friday, August 1, 2025 1:42:11 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2026

Name Rita Dulya

Phone Number (772) 985-0787

Email u2canbany1@aol.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number:

Name of Agenda Item: Trash increase

I am... Opposed

Comments: I am absolutely opposed to any increase in our trash pick up. I

have been a resident of this city for over 30 years, just in the past few years our trash pick up costs have more than double for half the service of the previous 3 decades. The city is infested with maggots and flies because of this. There is no way our city should even consider an increase of almost 1.5 million

in trash pick up cost.

From: Subject:

Jotform Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Tuesday, August 5, 2025 12:56:22 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name marvin marcelo

Phone Number (770) 891-7791

Email marcelo30290@gmail.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 2052 SW Driftwood St, Port Saint Lucie, FL, 34953

I would like to comment

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: 197.3632

Name of Agenda Item: non ad valorem assessment fee

I am... Opposed

Comments: The city currently received a windfall on taxes from the

increased property values. There should be no reason to increase taxes unless the funds have been given to special interest groups or ngo that donated a percentage of the funds

back to the council...

From: To: Subject:

Date:

Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Tuesday, August 5, 2025 2:40:24 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Gerald Lyman

Phone Number (954) 214-1935

Email jnlyman@comcast.net

I am a... Resident Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 6196 NW Gatun Dr, Port St Lucie, FI, 34986

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: 53874 94/90 & 66565 136/119

Name of Agenda Item: non-Ad Valorem assessment storm water

I am... Opposed

Comments: Public hearing to levy assessment for storm water utility and

waste collection assessment on property identified as 342072019070005 described as Port St Lucie Section 44-BLK

3112 Lot 13.

My first comment is I have the Unity of Title of Lots #13 #14 and #15 under a single tax bill account number 3420-720-1907-000/5. With that note, on lot # 15 is my home, lot #14 is a detached garage and Lot #13 is a pool all permitted by the building department of Port St. Lucie. Now because there is only one actual dwelling (6196 NW Gatun Dr) which both my wife life in we only generate and put out for waste collection in front of Property # 15. We do not put out trash and recycle material on Lot #13 or Lot #14 for any type of collection, so I honestly have an issue with any additional assessment beyond what we already pay. Now for the storm water utility issue,

most if not all the storm water that falls over Lot #13 gets absorbed into the ground. Both assessments seem to me to be above and beyond what I believe to be reasonable additional assessments on my property.

Kindly look at the entire picture of the property of the property location and what is on each lot. I would also appreciate the council to reconsider and additional assessments by not levying additional taxes on my property.

Sincerely Gerald Lyman

From: Subject:

Date:

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Tuesday, August 5, 2025 2:44:20 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Gerald Lyman

Phone Number (954) 214-1935

Email jnlyman@comcast.net

I am a... **Property Owner** Resident

No

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

Association/Address 6196 NW Gatun Dr, Port St Lucie, Fl, 34986

I would like to comment

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: 53874 94/90 & 66565 136/119

Name of Agenda Item: Non-Ad valorem assessment solid Waste collection

I am... Opposed

Comments: Public hearing to levy assessment for storm water utility and

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Sincerely Gerald Lyman

From: To: Subject:

Date:

Jotform

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New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Gerald Lyman

Phone Number (954) 214-1935

Email jnlyman@comcast.net

I am a... Resident Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 6196 NW Gatun Dr, Port St Lucie, FL, 34986

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: Unknown at this time

Name of Agenda Item: Ad Valorem tax section 44-BLK 3112 Lot #13

I am... Opposed

Comments: Public hearing to levy assessment for storm water utility and

waste collection assessment on property identified as 342072019070005 described as Port St Lucie Section 44-BLK

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most if not all the storm water that falls over Lot #13 gets absorbed into the ground. Both assessments seem to me to be above and beyond what I believe to be reasonable additional assessments on my property.

Kindly look at the entire picture of the property and the actual location of each lot. I would also appreciate the council to reconsider any additional assessments by not levying additional taxes on my property. These additional levy's would essentially result in my total non Valorem assessment double what other single dwelling property owners pay in a given fiscal year in this area.

Sincerely Gerald Lyman

Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Tuesday, August 5, 2025 4:31:12 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Gene Yale

Phone Number (772) 370-6379

Email Yalepump@comcast.net

l am a... Resident Business Owner Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 300 sw film ave., Port Saint lucie, Florida, 34953

I would like to comment

on:

Non-agenda Items

Comments: We have been in this house for almost 32 years and never had

maggots,mice and rats around the house. Since whoever thought it was best to decrease our service from 2 days a week to 1 day a week and increased the cost of services we cannot get rid of maggots in the trash can. We even hired bin busters to clean cans, doesn't get rid of the maggots. Yes we put the trash in bags and tied and sprayed every few days. This is very unacceptable and pretty much disgusting. If your going to raise the cost again consider 2 days a week pickup before this becomes a health crisis, thankyou for reading this, Gene Yale

From: Subject:

Date:

Jotform Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Tuesday, August 5, 2025 5:27:08 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

08-25-2025 Meeting Date

Name Elizabeth Evans

Phone Number (954) 816-0021

Email gator95@bellsouth.net

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 401 NW Canterbury Ct, Port Saint Lucie, FL, 34983

I would like to comment

Non-agenda Items

Comments: Regarding the solid waste and storm water assessment. Not

> thrilled considering we only get one trash pickup per week and now having to pay more. Been a resident over 20 years and I think it's crazy how much this assessment is especially since there are so many new homes in the area. Definitely voting

differently to change things next election.

Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Wednesday, August 6, 2025 10:39:31 AM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Rosalina Rivera

Phone Number (561) 969-8382

Email Rosie@druckerlawoffices.com

I am a... Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 108398 SW MEETING STREET , PORT ST. LUCIE , FLORIDA

, 34987

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: 430950000480003

Name of Agenda Item: STORM WATER UTILITY/WASTE COLLECTION AND

RECYCLING SERVICES

I am... Opposed

Comments: how on earth your office is trying to charge \$467.33 PLUS

\$189.00 for this budget, and then threaten to levy? at this point i will walk away from this house and just foreclose on it, you have any idea the hardship we are under!!!!!!!!! two hoa's that are charging me assessment fees totaling between both 800 dollars, on top of me paying almost 3k in mortgage im 58 and barely making ends meat. i live alone and have to pay allll my damn bills by myself!!!!! how on earth i'm going to pay 467.33 PLUS 189.00 on top of everything i fucking pay!!!!! and you think by threating me to levy and foreclose on my house i suppose to be scare you can have it!!!!!!! i'm not paying shit!!!!!!

<u>Jotform</u>

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Wednesday, August 6, 2025 11:48:14 AM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Dennis Lipp

Phone Number (716) 907-3043

Email dlipp897@gmail.com

I am a... Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 1801 SW Macarthur Ave, Port Saint Lucie, FL, 34953

I would like to comment

on:

Non-agenda Items

Comments: This is regards to notice of public hearing to Levy a non

Valorem assessment for solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services and also Storm Water Utility management Services. You want to possibly increase my taxes for these services. I totally disagree with this because first of all Waste and Recycle FCC are constantly skipping my house and I have to call them. When we had Waste Pro we never had a problem plus they would pic up twice a week and pick up large bundles of yard waste with not charging extra because the pile was too big. Now for the Storm water Management, I keep my drainage ditch clear of debris even though they come by 3 to 4 times a year at best and when they come to my house they see that it's clear and drive by. With all the 10s of thousands of new homes build in St. Lucie County all taxes should come down not up plus My wife and I are in our mid 70s and on a fixed income, so by you increasing our taxes will put a huge burden on us. This is not fair or the right thing to do. We left New York for this same reason to get away from high taxes. Stop chasing people away and do what's right for all. In closing let it be known that I don't agree with any increase in TAXES.

Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Wednesday, August 6, 2025 1:28:19 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name John Dunlevy

Phone Number (774) 634-6519

Email Mrfreeze440@aol.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 2466 SE Grand Dr, Port St Lucie, FL, 34952

I would like to comment

on:

Non-agenda Items

Comments: In response to the received notice to levy a non-ad valorem

assessment for solid waste collection and recycling services; With the change to FCC in 2022, based on a 7 year contract, with a 3 year option. I would think the initial term would have included any operational increases needed to operate during the initial term, and adjustments allowed in the option years. If this is was not the case; we should have been made aware of this exception before accepting their proposal. Is this also an increase resulting in the closing of the residential access to the previously accessible drop site on Cameo Dr? If so, the poor enforcement of access to the site should be reviewed and the site reopened as this option surely reduced the amount of residential yard waste pick up for FCC. By enforcing access to the site via a fine program, this would greatly reduce the abuse by contractors, and also develop a revenue stream for the City

to help pay for staffing.

I am opposed to the increase for FCC, but realize the increase

for the landfill.

Thank you

Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Thursday, August 7, 2025 9:12:12 AM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name George Oestreich

Phone Number (786) 328-6527

Email goclubman@yahoo.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address The Cascades at St. Lucie West, 800 Cascades Blvd., Port St.

Lucie, FL, 34986

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: not noted

Name of Agenda Item: S and recycling Services Solid Waste

I am... Undecided

Comments: Cost is estimated "currently" over \$44m; was this a planning

oversite by the mayor and her team? Considering the elected official's approval of the rapid local commercial and residential growth, it seems there should have been an impact fee charged to both the future developers and residential buyers---not to

current property taxpayers.

It is not too late to modify the allocation of the cost.

From: To: Subject:

Date:

Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Thursday, August 7, 2025 11:59:24 AM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Barney Ruiz

Phone Number (305) 978-7793

Email barneyruiz13@gmail.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 846 SE Starflower Ave, 846 SE Starflower Ave Port St Lucie,

Florida, 34983

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: 197.3632

Name of Agenda Item: Notice of public hearing to Levy a Non-Ad Alorem assessment

for solid waste collection and Recycling services

I am... Opposed

Comments:

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed solid waste nonad valorem assessment of \$467.33 for my property at 846 SE Starflower Ave, as outlined in the notice dated August 4, 2025. While I understand that solid waste services must be funded, I am concerned about the continued yearly increases in this assessment. Over the past few years, the fees have consistently risen, and it's unclear whether sufficient efforts have been made to control costs, renegotiate contracts, or

explore more efficient service options.

I respectfully request that the City provide transparency

regarding:

- The specific reasons for the increase this year
- Any cost-saving measures being considered
- · How service performance has improved relative to rising fees

Additionally, I would like to understand why the City has not pursued a longer-term or more stable service contract that could lock in rates or at least provide more predictable costs over several years. Without such contracts, the financial burden continues to shift onto homeowners year after year.

Other municipalities in Florida appear to be managing similar services with less aggressive increases, suggesting that more cost-effective or innovative solutions may be worth exploring in Port St. Lucie as well. I see that there are five additional waste services companies so you should be able to have them compete against each other to provide the city with a semi long contract with a fixed rate.

I urge the Council to reconsider or postpone this increase until these questions are addressed publicly and clearly. Many residents, especially those on fixed incomes, are finding these yearly increases increasingly difficult to manage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jotform Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Thursday, August 7, 2025 3:12:24 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Mariya Stoyanova

Phone Number (646) 678-6477

Email mypropertymiami@gmail.com

I am a... **Property Owner**

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services

Name of Agenda Item: Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services

I am... Opposed

Comments: Opposed to levy a non-valorem assessment for Solid Waste

Collection and Recycling Services

From: PSL Communications

To: <u>City Clerks</u>

Subject: FW: Solid Waste Collection Proposed Assessment Objection

Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 3:15:53 PM

FYI

Gustavo Nadasi
Digital Technology Coordinator
City of Port St. Lucie
Communications

(772) 807-4463 - Phone (772) 370-2562 - Cell gnadasi@cityofpsl.com

From: Anne-Marie Brown <annemarie.brown.t@gmail.com>

Date: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 3:12 PM

To: PSL Communications <PSLCommunications@cityofpsl.com> **Subject:** Solid Waste Collection Proposed Assessment Objection

Dear City Clerk, I am writing to formally object to the proposed non-ad valorem assessment for solid waste collection and recycling services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, as outlined in the Notice of Public Hearing dated August 4, 2025. As the property owner of 2237 SE Merrill Road and the small business owner of South Florida Counseling & Case Management, LLC, I respectfully dispute the proposed assessment of \$467.33 for the following reasons: 1. Limited Service Frequency Solid waste collection at my residence is limited to one pickup per week. This minimal service level does not justify the cost being assessed—especially when compared to other municipalities offering more frequent and comprehensive services. 2. Reduced Accessibility to Drop-Off Center The operating days and hours of the City's "Convenient Drop-Off Center" on SW Cameo Blvd have been significantly reduced. Additionally, yard waste and construction debris are no longer accepted, and residents are now limited to only three drop-offs per month. This reduction in service diminishes the value provided and further questions the justification for the assessment. 3. Lack of Transparency and Cost Justification The notice does not provide a detailed breakdown of costs or explain how the assessment amount was calculated. There is no information regarding increases from the previous year, nor any justification for the 2025–2026 rate. 4. Disproportionate Cost Relative to Services Rendered At \$467.33, the proposed assessment appears excessive for a singlefamily residence with minimal service and fewer alternatives. The rate seems disproportionate when compared with similar households on the same block that generate similar or even greater waste volumes. 5. No Indication of Competitive

Bidding or Cost-Saving Measures There is no evidence that the City has evaluated cost-saving alternatives or solicited competitive proposals (RFPs) from other service providers that could offer the same or better service at a lower cost. Given these concerns, I respectfully request that this objection be formally recorded and considered during the public hearing scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. I also request a written response or public clarification addressing how the City determined this assessment and whether alternative fee structures or service models were considered. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please confirm receipt of this objection and advise whether any additional steps or documentation are needed on my part.

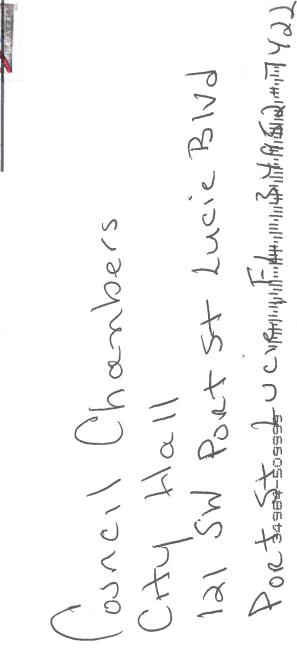
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Anne-Marie T. Brown, LCSW, MSW, MCAP, CIP, ICADC
Trained Play Therapist
EMDRIA Certified Therapist
EMDR Approved Consultant
EMDRIA Approved Basic Trainer
TF-CBT Certified Therapist
Registered Circle of Security Parenting Facilitator
River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding Restorative Justice Practitioner
SAMHSA Certified Trauma Informed Criminal Justice Trainer













August 6, 2025

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Council Chambers
City Hall
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd
Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34952-7422

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed non-ad valorem assessment for solid waste collection and recycling services for Fiscal Year 2025–2026, as outlined in the Notice of Public Hearing dated August 4, 2025.

As the property owner of 2474 SE Fruit Ave, Port St. Lucie I respectfully dispute the proposed assessment amount of \$467.33 for the following reasons:

1. Limited Service Frequency

Solid waste collection at my residence is limited to one pickup per week. This minimal service level does not justify the cost being assessed—especially when compared to other municipalities offering more frequent and comprehensive services.

2. Reduced Accessibility to Drop-Off Center

The operating days and hours of the City's "Convenient Drop-Off Center" on SW Cameo Blvd have been significantly reduced. Additionally, yard waste and construction debris are no longer accepted, and residents are now limited to only three drop-offs per month. This reduction in service diminishes the value provided and further questions the justification for the assessment.

3. Lack of Transparency and Cost Justification

The notice does not provide a detailed breakdown of costs or explain how the assessment amount was calculated. There is no information regarding increases from the previous year, nor any justification for the 2025–2026 rate.

4. Disproportionate Cost Relative to Services Rendered

At \$467.33, the proposed assessment appears excessive for a single-family residence with minimal service and fewer alternatives. The rate seems disproportionate when compared with similar households on the same block that generate similar or even greater waste volumes..

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please confirm receipt of this objection and advise whether any additional steps or documentation are needed on our part.

Leslie & Thomas Taggard

2474 SE Fruit Ave

Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

(516) 521-6686

Legal Desc: Sect. 30, BLK. 1583, LOT 34

<u>Jotform</u>

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Saturday, August 9, 2025 4:45:13 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Jacqueline Pimienta

Phone Number (772) 785-5116

Email jacqueline.pimienta2016@gmail.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

I would like to comment on:

Non-agenda Items

Comments:

First of all, I'm sending these comments in response to letters my mother received about the 8-25-2025 meeting at 6:00 PM for which there is NO AGENDA AVAILABLE by which I can enter an "agenda item #". Next, this is in regard to those letters proposing YET ANOTHER INCREASE for solid waste collection and recycling "services" and YET ANOTHER INCREASE for stormwater utility management system, this latter which I have no idea what it is, does or is used for whatsoever. We, my mother and I, both residents of this city, are OPPOSED to further increases. She is an elderly widow, and I myself am a senior citizen, both struggling to keep up with all of the rising costs of not only home insurance, but gas, groceries, utilities, this city's EVER INCREASING property taxes, to now face MORE increases. We have seen no real benefit other than more timeliness in trash pick- up because it used to be picked up TWICE a week, now only once- if they pick it up because we have had our trash LEFT BEHIND to where I must call and complain for FCC to come back out and do their job- and you want to propose yet another INCREASE? We are VEHEMENTLY opposed to this as well as to the other increase! I recommend the council and mayor's wages be lowered and frozen and let whatever funds those total be used for the city, because PSL is in dire need of fixing the street lighting throughout the Gatlin corridor from I-95 to PSL Blvd, installing street lighting throughout ALL of the city, CEMENT (not asphalt)

paving, trash cans on all street corners, more parks in the Gatlin Blvd. area INSTEAD OF the excessive building going on, sidewalks in all neighborhoods and REAL drainage on the streets and in the neighborhoods, not these "swales" which are more like ditches and certainly DO NOT remotely resemble drainage. Thank you.

Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Sunday, August 10, 2025 3:54:13 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name JOSEPH TURK

Phone Number (777) 200-5748

Email pamela.turk@att.net

I am a... Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address pamela.turk@att.net, Port St. Lucie, FL, 34953

I would like to comment

on:

Non-agenda Items

Comments: no agenda # given in notice received. We would like to

understand the two assessments given in the notices. Are these in addition to the already existing assessments? and if so, why? If these notices are for increases to the existing

assessments, what is the amount of the increase and why? There are not any reasons given for the increase. If these increases are for the increase of developments, why are these not addressed in the impact fees. Why are we paying for them?

Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Monday, August 11, 2025 8:50:21 AM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Nathalia Amaral

Phone Number (339) 223-5429

Email nathalia83@gmail.com

I am a... Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 174 SW Voltair Terrace, Port St Lucie, FL, 34984

I would like to comment

Non-agenda Items

Comments: Dear City Council Members,

I recently received notices regarding the upcoming public hearing to consider assessments for the stormwater utility management system and solid waste collection and recycling services.

While I only moved to this beautiful city last year, I've grown to love living here and appreciate the community deeply. However, I am extremely disappointed by the county's financial management and the continued burden being placed on homeowners—especially considering that this county already has the highest property taxes in the state.

The proposal to levy additional assessments feels like yet another attempt to nickel-and-dime residents who are already stretched thin. I am familiar with employees in various county departments, including stormwater management, and I can attest to their concerns regarding upper management's poor oversight and wasteful spending. If one department is experiencing this level of mismanagement, it raises serious concerns about the fiscal practices across the board.

Rather than imposing additional costs on taxpayers, I strongly urge the county / city to conduct a comprehensive audit—ideally by an independent third-party firm—to identify and eliminate inefficiencies, redundancies, and wasteful expenditures. I am confident that such an audit would uncover ample opportunities to reallocate existing funds more responsibly, making these proposed assessments unnecessary.

I am firmly opposed to both assessments and believe our community deserves transparency, accountability, and smarter spending—not more financial strain.

Sincerely, Nathalia Amaral Brooke L Butler 1067 SW Firestone Ave Port St. Lucie, FL 34953 pastorbrooke53@yahoo.com 610-504-1575

Date: August 7, 2025

To:

City Council Finance Department City of Port St. Lucie 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Increase in Annual Assessment Under Florida Statute 197.3632

Dear Members of the City Council Finance Department,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed increase in the annual assessment on my property tax bill pursuant to Florida Statute 197.3632. I have been notified that this change would result in an increase of \$189.00 for the fiscal year 2025–2026, to pay for solid waste collection, disposal, and recycling services.

As a retired and disabled homeowner residing in the City of Port St. Lucie, I rely solely on my monthly Social Security Disability benefits as my primary source of income. I purchased my home in 2022 under already challenging financial circumstances, including a high interest rate and ongoing increasing mortgage payments due to high homeowners insurance. The added burden of this assessment presents a significant financial hardship that I am ill-equipped to absorb.

While I recognize the importance of suitable solid waste collection, disposal and recycling services in our community, I respectfully request the City Council to consider alternative funding mechanisms or to offer exemptions or reductions for vulnerable populations such as disabled and low-income senior residents. The cumulative cost of increased taxes and living expenses severely strains my fixed income, and even modest increases can have a profound impact on my ability to meet basic needs.

I urge the Council to take into account the disproportionate impact this assessment will have on residents in my situation and to implement more equitable solutions that do not further burden those who are already financially constrained.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I respectfully request acknowledgment of this objection and consideration of hardship relief or exemption.

Respectfully

Brooke L. Butler

Port St Lucie Section 15-BLK 1460 Lot 4 (Map 44/19S)

Parcel identification #: 342057006620009



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Alexis Taggard 2538 SE Jason Ave Port Saint Lucie, FL 34952-7255

City Clerk City of Port St. Lucie 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Non-Ad Valorem Solid Waste Assessment Parcel Identification Number: 342064519580007

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed non-ad valorem assessment for solid waste collection and recycling services for the fiscal year 2025–2026, as outlined in the Notice of Public Hearing dated August 4, 2025.

As the property owner of 2538 SE Jason Ave, I respectfully dispute the proposed assessment amount of \$467.33 for the following reasons:

1. Limited Service Frequency

The solid waste collection at my residence occurs only once per week, which is minimal compared to more robust services in other municipalities. The limited service frequency does not justify the cost being assessed.

2. Reduced Accessibility to Drop-Off Center

The operating days and hours of the City's "Convenient Drop-Off Center" on SW Cameo Blvd have been significantly reduced. Additionally, yard waste and construction debris are no longer accepted, and residents are now limited to only three drop-offs per month. This reduction in service diminishes the value provided and further questions the justification for the assessment.

3. Lack of Transparency and Justification

The notice does not provide a detailed breakdown of costs or explain how the assessment amount was calculated. There is no information regarding increases from the previous year, nor any justification for the 2025–2026 rate.

4. Disproportionate Cost for Services Rendered

At \$467.33, the proposed assessment appears excessive for a single-family residence with minimal service and fewer alternatives. The rate seems disproportionate when compared with similar households on the same block that generate similar or even greater waste volumes.

5. No Indication of Competitive Bidding or Cost-Saving Measures

There is no evidence that the City has evaluated cost-saving alternatives or solicited competitive proposals (RFPs) from other service providers that could offer the same or better service at a lower cost.

I request that this objection be formally recorded and considered during the public hearing scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. I also request a written response or public clarification addressing how the City determined this amount and whether

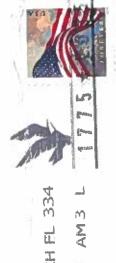
alternative fee structures were considered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please confirm receipt of this objection and advise if any further documentation or steps are required on my part.

Sincerely,

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My property is a NO vote for this proposal. Find the money in what you have already collected. Stop assessing the citizens.

Sincerely,

Kim & Gregory Kubinski

11755 SW Lagoon Lane Port St. Lucie, FL 34987

Parcel ID 431780100250005 Legal Desc: Riverland Parcel C Plat two (IPB86-7) Lot #18

City Clerk's Office – Port St. Lucie 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

RE: Levy to a Non-AD Valorem Assessment for Storm Water Utility Mgt System

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Jotform Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Monday, August 11, 2025 12:39:12 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name michael Rossman

Phone Number (763) 257-6151

Email mrossman30@yahoo.com

I am a... **Property Owner**

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 1808 SE hideaway cr, port saint lucie, FL, 34952

I would like to comment

Non-agenda Items

Comments: I object to both proposed tax assessments, (stormwater

assessment & Solid waste collection assessment)

Michael Rossman

From: Subject: Date:

Jotform Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Monday, August 11, 2025 2:10:24 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

08-25-2025 Meeting Date

Name **Christina Cotto**

Phone Number (954) 557-5780

Email christinacotto2@gmail.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: agenda not available

Name of Agenda Item: Non- Ad Valorem Assessment for Solid Waste Collection

I am... Opposed

Comments: I strongly oppose this special assessment as our property taxes

were just increased last year and we only get one trash pick up

a week.

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From: Subject:

Jotform Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Tuesday, August 12, 2025 3:40:15 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Debbie Remington

Phone Number (772) 360-5493

Email n2kidlit@yahoo.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

Association/Address 2625 SW Elrod Ct., Port St Lucie, FL, 34953

I would like to comment

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: 197.3632.

Name of Agenda Item: solid waste collection assessment

No

I am... Opposed

Comments: I am a retired widow on Social Security and am OPPOSED to

this HUGE rate increase. There is no way that I can afford this

ridiculous amount.

Carefully reconsider your constituents in this city!

City of Port Saint Lucie

City Hall
121 SW PORT ST. LUCIE BLVD.
Port St. Lucie, Fla. 34953

8/7/25

Re: Port St. Lucie-Sec21-Blk 2077 Lot 24 Levy to Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

To Whom This May Concern;

We are not in agreement with these new assessments and its fees. Why should current homeowners have to pay increased rates when all you have are more and more homes going up in what was once a quiet place to live. It is now overpopulated with new builders having homes built. They are the ones who should be paying due to them tapping into existing lines.

Also, why don't you reassess homes currently here and raise their taxes like you did at my address. Why should I and other homeowners have to pay significantly higher taxes than other neighbors who live right next door to us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Diane Pitkouvich

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Port Saint Lucie, FL 34953

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Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Wednesday, August 13, 2025 6:26:18 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Harold Berk

Phone Number (215) 896-2882

Email haroldberk@gmail.com

I am a... Resident Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

Yes

Association/Address 17000 SW Ambrose Way, Port St. Lucie, FL, 34986

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: Unknown

Name of Agenda Item: Solid Waste Collection assessment

I am... Opposed

Comments: The City of PSL has not provided residents with any financial

information to support an assessment of \$44,298,314.50 as stated in your notice of August 4, 2025. We already pay monthly amounts for solid waste collection, and you have not provided any explanation why this assessment is needed. You propose a fee of \$467.33 per dwelling unit but residents already

pay monthly trash fees. You also propose escalating

assessments of up to \$513.70 in future years, but again what is

the financial reason for it in the future? We oppose the assessment and demand the City provide us financial

information to justify it, if they can.

From: To: Subject: Date: Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Thursday, August 14, 2025 8:28:26 AM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Michael Rousseau

Phone Number (916) 337-4829

Email mjrousseau@live.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 1813 se westmoreland blvd, PORT ST LUCIE, FL, 34952

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: Solid waste collection assessment

Name of Agenda Item: Michael Rousseau

I am... Opposed

Comments: The city needs to fire the current collection contract and hire

another company. The fee already is excessive and higher than many many other cities in the US. The average family that has lived here long term has seen much change with solid waste collection. This change has always been for the bad. The city needs to NOT pass this increase and manage the current cost. Stop building in this city. We are big enough. This growth is nothing but bad now. All city service costs are going up to keep up with thus growth and I and all my neighbors have to foot the

bill. ENOUGH! DO NOT PASS THIS.

Date:

Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Friday, August 15, 2025 10:33:25 AM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Alan Margulies

Phone Number (954) 684-1365

Email apmargulies@comcast.net

I am a... Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 13879 SW GINGERLINE DR, Port Saint Lucie, FL, 34987

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: Special Assessments for Solid Waste & Stormwater

Name of Agenda Item: Special Assessments for Solid Waste & Stormwater

I am... Opposed

Comments: Port Saint Lucie already has the highest property tax rate in the

state. To have an additional special assessment under the circumstances is an unnecessary burden on property owners and residents. As we watch how the City recklessly spends existing tax dollars on projects like artistic statuary like the "Heart" for \$1m plus and builds parks without restrooms or water fountains like Starts & Stripes Park; we feel that additional appropriations for expenditures not only need to be scrutinized but also curtailed. With all of the additional building going on the City should have more than enough income to provide for projects such as these without additional special assessments. It also appears that the City intends additional repetitions of this assessment and again the reasoning is not consistent with the existing taxation. We need a closer examination of the budget and where our tax dollars are going. I strongly object to the

special assessments proposed.

From: Subject:

Jotform Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Saturday, August 16, 2025 2:12:13 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Barbara Tatlow

Phone Number (778) 917-2916

Email btatlow@hotmail.com

I am a... **Property Owner**

Is your address exempt from public records per

Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 957, Sw jaslo avenue, Port Saint Lucie, Florida, 34953-5633

I would like to comment

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number:

Name of Agenda Item: Solid waste collection and recycling services

I am... Opposed

Comments: This proposed \$467.33 annual fee is extremely high considering

the service provided for solid waste in our area.

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Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Sunday, August 17, 2025 1:54:19 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Ronn Henry

Phone Number (646) 543-6304

Email ronn.m.henry@gmail.com

I am a... Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 6166 NW East DeVille Cir, Port St. Lucie, FL, 34986

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: 3

Name of Agenda Item: 3 - Non-Ad Valorem assessment for solid waste collection &

recycling services

I am... Opposed

Comments: As a property owner, I respectfully oppose the proposed non-ad

valorem assessment for solid waste and recycling services.

First, this proposal amounts to double dipping. We already pay high property taxes, and those taxes are supposed to cover essential services like trash collection. Adding a separate assessment forces residents to pay twice for the same service.

Second, approving this fee sets a dangerous precedent. If waste collection can be carved out and charged separately, what stops in the future other core services like police, schools, fire, or parks? Residents need assurance that property taxes

cover the basics deliverables of the city.

Third, the flat-rate structure is unfair. A single retiree in a small home pays the same as a large household generating far more waste. This regressive model punishes those who can least afford it and ignores actual usage.

Fourth, many comparable cities fund waste collection through their general property tax revenues without resorting to separate fees. Port St. Lucie should not shift the burden in a way that makes our city less affordable than our neighbors.

In short, this assessment is unnecessary and inequitable. I respectfully urge the council to reject it and instead ensure that solid waste services are funded transparently and fairly through the property taxes we are already paying.

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New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name victor catalano

Phone Number (321) 945-6949

Email vcatalano.vc@gmail.com

l am a... Resident Property Owner

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 1666 Southeast Burning Lane, Port St. Lucie, FL, 34952

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Name of Agenda Item: Levy a non-ad valorem assessment for solid waste and storm

water

I am... Opposed

Comments: I live in a residential home that was built over 45 ago. The storm

water and solid waste assessments should not be placed on my property. I understand the need for maintenence and up grades because of the phenomenal growth of some areas. These costs should be payed by the developers, builders and the owners of those property's being developed. The costs shouldn't be

passed onto homeowners such as myself.

From: To: Subject: Date: Jotform

Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Tuesday, August 19, 2025 4:38:43 PM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Mary Mcconnell

Phone Number (772) 873-8968

Email ourtoy6@gmail.com

I am a... Resident

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

Association/Address 3512 SW MARGELA ST, PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL, 34953

I would like to comment

on:

Agenda Items

Agenda Item Number: unknown

Name of Agenda Item: stormwater and waste collection

I am... Opposed

Comments: You have a public hearing to levy a non-ad valorem

assessment for stormwater utility management system and for solid waste collection and recycling services. We are already paying, along with thousands and thousands of new residents. I would like to know just why you have to raise our taxes with all this new money flooding in and exactly where is it going?

From: Subject:

Jotform Sally Walsh; Calleigh Nazario; Jessica Heinz New Submission: Comments to be Heard Wednesday, August 20, 2025 10:24:18 AM



New Submission: Comments to be Heard

Meeting Date 08-25-2025

Name Lisa McClanahan

Phone Number (772) 359-2535

Email lmmm33112@gmail.com

I am a... Resident **Property Owner**

Is your address exempt from public records per Florida State Statute?

No

I would like to comment on:

Non-agenda Items

Comments:

We object to the increase of our property tax in reference to the solid waste collection and storm water system maintenance.

We want it to be recorded that we object to raising our taxes.